



## Holy Ghost Orthodox Church

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**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father John Harvey, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Betty O'Masta, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—21-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], Mel & Charlotte Malik, David

Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Susan "Billie" Mason, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [child with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, Pastor Ed Bowen, David Hiles, Karen Johnson, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Fred DeNorscia, Sandi Anderson, Donald Uebing, Sabrina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Jeff Jones, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Donna Cacioppo [Evelyn's niece], Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Stella Rossi, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio). and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our October babies:** Rachel Shirley on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Rich Previc on the 8<sup>th</sup>, our dear Mother Alexandra on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Henry "Jack" Tkacik, Jr., on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Henry Tkacik on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Harley Katarina Frances Rahuba on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Greg Luciw on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Michael Sheliga on the 28<sup>th</sup>. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

**In conjunction with Slickville's Centennial Celebration next year, the Centennial Committee is selling tear-off raffle tickets to help finance the celebration and fireworks. Bill Kuznik is the keeper of the tickets which cost \$2 and are sold every week. Please see Bill if**

**you are interested or with any questions. We have a list of winning numbers in the bulletin insert! Fr. Bob**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!**

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 02 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION;  
AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS, &  
DORYMEDON OF SYNADA; MARTYR ZOSIMAS-HERMIT OF CILICIA; SAINT  
THEODORE-PRINCE OF SMOLENSK & YAROSLAVL & HIS CHILDREN SAINTS  
DAVID & CONSTANTINE; BLESSED IHOR-PRINCE OF CHERNIHIV**

*Tone 6*

2 Corinthians 4:6-18; Galatians 2:16-20

Matthew 22:35-46; Mark 8:34-9:1

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning,  
Katherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, & Mary Evaniuk—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 09 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE &  
EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

*Tone 7*

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; 1 John 4:12-19

Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun—the Behun family***

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE  
& WITH HIM MARTYRS RUSTICUS & ELEUTHERIUS; VENERABLE JOHN THE  
CHOZEBITE-BISHOP OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE; BLESSED HESYCHIUS THE  
SILENT OF MOUNT HOREB; VENERABLE DIONYSIUS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY**

**LAVRA**

*Tone 8*

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Luke 6:31-36

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Anna Marie Siclare—Fr. Bob*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 02 OCTOBER 2016**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.  
He is the Savior of all,  
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 6**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**PEOPLE:** **O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

**PEOPLE:** **O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people.

**PEOPLE:** **And bless Thine inheritance.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

### **The Ecumenical Councils**

- The Ecumenical Councils touch the lives of every Christian.
- The Councils set believers apart in their profession of faith.
- The Councils clearly express resolute lasting defined beliefs
- The results of the Councils have withstood the passing of time.
- The Councils are a seamless part of the structure of the Church.
- The Councils serve as guiding references for future work of the Church.
- Believers benefit from realizing the Church today has a firmly rooted past.
- Today's Church reflects the faith and wisdom of believers in past centuries.
- Familiarity with the work of the Councils improves a believer's witness.
- The Councils serve as basis for evaluating personal faith throughout life.
- Careful thinking about the Councils inspires greater Christian commitment.
- The Councils' conclusions came after extensive and considered thinking.
- Studying the work of the Councils requires commitment of time and effort.
- The Councils demonstrate that being a Christian is not to be taken lightly.
- The results of the Councils are to be demonstrated in daily Christian living.
- The Councils serve as a basis of measurement for every Christian life.
- The Councils established high expectations for professed Christians.
- Council participants offer a range of inspiring Christian examples.
- The Councils show the lasting value of expressing Godly truths.
- The Councils were held in past centuries but have contemporary value.
- The Councils expressions about God transcend the passing of time.
- The Councils are proof that serious believers can make lasting contributions.

- Contemporary believers are challenged to live up to the Councils' standards.
- The Councils spur self-examination for consistency of practiced faith.
- The Councils serve as stark contrast to contemporary frivolous behavior.
- The Councils are a healthy basis for preparing for Christ's Second Coming.
- Each person decides the degree he or she will live according to the Councils.
- Adherence to the results of the Councils is measured by personal decisions.
- Believers determine the degree they value the history of the Church.
- Believers are enriched when seeking to understand the Church's history.
- The Councils enable believers to understand the Church to a greater degree.

Adult Class. St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.  
September 9/22, 2016. Sts. Joachim and Anna. Father Rodney Torbic

"Good friends are like quilts-they age with you, yet never lose their warmth."



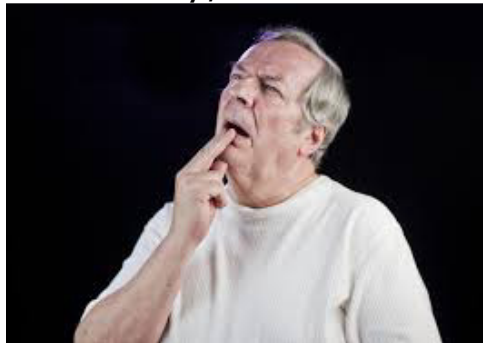
Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.



I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.



I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.



Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.



I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.



As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).



**MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!**





**A story: He who desires less, receives more. A. Afanasyev**

Once there were three brothers. They owned only one thing in the entire world, a pear tree. The brothers watched over the tree in turns: one remained beneath the pears, while the other two went to find work for the day.

One day, God sent an angel to see how the brothers were living; if badly, the angel was to provide them with a better livelihood. The angel descended to earth, disguised as a beggar. Coming to the brother who was guarding the tree, he asked him for a pear. The young man plucked one from his share and gave it to him, saying, This is for you from my share; I cannot give you anything from my brothers'. The angel thanked him, and withdrew.

The next day, another brother remained on watch beneath the tree; again, the angel came and asked for a pear. This brother also plucked a pear from his share, gave it to him, and said, This is for you from my share; I cannot give you anything from my brothers'. The angel thanked him, and left.

When the third brother's turn came to watch the tree, the angel again went and asked him to share a pear. And the third brother plucked from his share, gave it to him and said, This is for you from my share; I cannot give you anything from my brothers'.

When the fourth day came, the angel came early in the morning, disguised as a monk. He found all three brothers beneath the tree. Come with me, the angel said to them; I will provide you with a better livelihood. They followed him without saying a word.

The angel led them to a large, rushing stream. He asked the oldest brother, What do you want? He answered, That this water be turned to wine, and given to me. The angel made the sign of the cross with the staff in his hand, and wine flowed instead of water. They then prepared casks, and they poured wine. This is for you, according to your desire! said the angel to the older brother, and left him in that place.

He went on further with the other two to a fresh pasture, where doves covered the entire field. The angel asked the second brother, What do you

desire? That all these doves were sheep, and belonged to me. The angel made the sign of the cross over the field with his staff, and in place of doves appeared sheep. Some old ladies brought sheepfolds; others bottled milk; a third group skinned the cream; others made cheese; still others churned butter... This is for you, according to your desire! said the angel.

He took the youngest brother with him to another field, and asked, And what do you desire for yourself? I need only one thing, that the Lord might give me a wife with a good Christian upbringing. The angel replied, Oh, this is not so easy to procure.\* There are only three women like this in the entire world: two are married, and one is a maiden, but two men are courting her.

Traveling far, they came to a town whose king had a daughter of good Christian upbringing. They had come to the town to ask the king for his daughter in marriage, but two kings were already courting her. The monk and the brother likewise approached. When the king spotted them, he said to his companions, What should I think of this? These two are kings, while these others are like beggars in comparison. Well, you know what? said the angel. Let us do thus: let the bride take three twigs and place them in the garden, designating each twig to whichever suitor she wants. Let her marry the suitor from whose twig grows a bunch of grapes in the morning.

Everyone agreed to this.\*\* The princess placed three twigs in the garden, designating each to a suitor. In the morning they looked, and from the poor man's twig grew a bunch of grapes. The king, having no recourse, gave his daughter to the youngest brother, and they married in a church. After the wedding, the angel accompanied them into the forest and left them there. Here they lived for an entire year.

When the year ended, the Lord said again to the angel, Go, see how those orphans\*\*\* are living; if in need, provide them with more. The angel descended to earth, and disguised himself as a beggar. He went to the brother whose stream flowed with wine, and asked him for a cup. But the man refused, saying, If I were to give everyone a cup of wine, then there wouldn't be enough! When the angel heard this, he immediately made the sign of the cross with his staff, and changed the stream into water as it was before. Then you will have nothing, he said to the oldest brother; be off to your pear tree, and guard it instead!\*\*\*\*

Subsequently the angel withdrew from there; he came to the next brother, who had all the sheep covering a field. He asked for a morsel of cheese, but the man refused, saying, If I were to give a morsel to everyone, then there wouldn't be enough! When the angel heard this, he immediately made the sign of the cross with his staff over the field, and in place of the sheep there fluttered up doves. Then you will have nothing, he said to the second brother; be off to your pear tree, and guard it instead!

After that, the angel flew off to look into how the youngest brother was living. He came and found the man and his wife living poor in the woods, in a mere hut. The angel asked him if he could spend the night. They received him willingly, with all their hearts, but begged him not to ask for wine. They could not offer him that level of hospitality, given the way they lived; We are but poor people! they exclaimed. No matter, replied the angel; I'll be satisfied with whatever you have.

What could they do? They had no flour to make genuine bread, so they took wood bark and prepared bread from it. The mistress of the house now made that for her guest, and placed it in the oven. They sat and talked, and afterwards looked to see if it was ready. Before them sat genuine bread, so glorious, having risen so high... Seeing this, the man and his wife gave thanks to God, Glory to you, Lord, that we might properly host a traveler! They offered the bread to the guest, along with a pitcher of water. As they poured it, they found wine in the pitcher.

The angel then made the sign of the cross with his staff over the hut, and in that very place appeared a kingly palace, with an abundance of everything in it. The angel blessed and left the couple, and they lived out their lives happily, to a hundred years.

"Let any Christian, upon arising from sleep stand before the holy icons, and read the Lord's Prayer "Our Father" thrice, in honor of the Most-holy Trinity, then the hymn to the Theotokos "O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice..." three times as well, and finally, the Symbol of Our Faith once. Having completed this rule, let each one attend to the tasks to which he was appointed or to which he is called. - *St. Seraphim of Sarov*

The deacon leads the people in their responses to God which is as the precious oil which causes the lamps of the sanctuary to burn brightly in the House of the Lord. The deacon is as the hand of the people stretched out to receive the blessing, as their ear attentive to hear what God the Lord will say, and as the mouth to answer with them. Amen.

Do not be allured by the melodious sounds of an instrument or of a voice, but by their effect upon the soul, or by the words of the song, consider what their spirit is: if the sounds produce upon your soul tranquil, chaste, holy feelings, then listen to them and feed your soul with them; whilst, if they give rise in your soul to passions, then leave off listening to them, and throw aside both the flesh and the spirit of the music." St. John of Kronstadt

**UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:**

Congratulations to Pani Gina, who won the Friday drawing on September 23 with #064.

There are still THREE WINNING TICKETS that have not been claimed:

**08/12/2016 #502**

**09/09/2016 #295**

**09/16/2016 #320**

Check your tickets and contact Bill Kuznik if you have a winning ticket!

Remember, the tickets are the main way to finance the fireworks display for the Slickville Centennial Celebration next August.

More details will be forthcoming—please check the Centennial website for more information: <http://slickville100.com>